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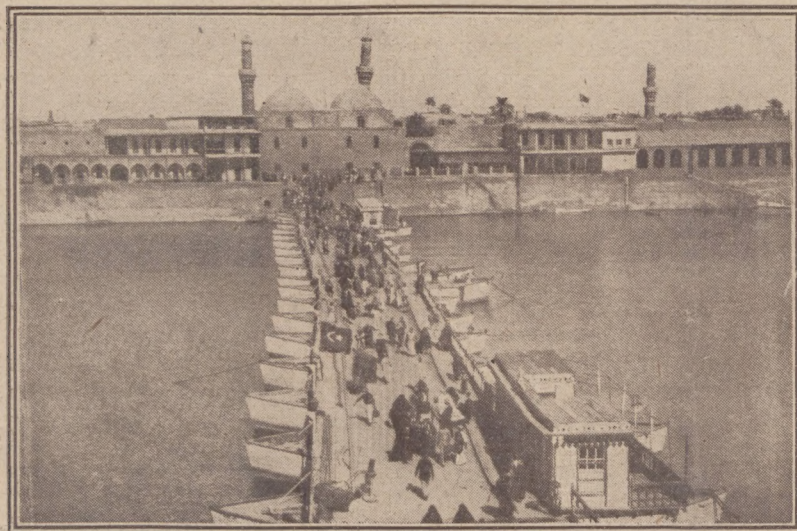
MONDAY, MARCH 12, 1917

One Penny.

FALL OF BAGDAD—ARABIAN NIGHTS' CITY CAPTURED AFTER
FIGHT IN A BLINDING DUST STORM AND GALE.



A view of Bagdad, seen from a distance. It has a striking appearance, being surrounded by formidable-looking brick walls, above which rise the minarets of numerous mosques.



The famous bridge of boats at Bagdad, which lies on both banks of the River Tigris.

Bagdad, which has been held by the Turks since 1638, is to-day British. Lieutenant-General Maude's troops have recently gone from triumph to triumph in Mesopotamia, and the fall of the city was regarded as only a matter of time, but the splendid news, received last night, came much earlier than was anticipated, as Saturday's communique



Lieutenant-General Sir Stanley Maude, who was recently promoted.

said that the Turks would, in all probability, offer a very stubborn resistance. Last night's official report, which will be found on another page, tells how our troops, after gaining a victory in blinding dust storms and a violent gale, captured the city, which was formerly a great centre of Arabic learning.

NO MORE NEW BREAD FROM TO-DAY.

Potato Famine Predicted in Six Weeks.

HOARDING A CRIME.

To-day new bread and fresh hot rolls for breakfast become luxuries of the past.

Bread now has to be at least twelve hours old before it can be sold.

Householders should remember that, under Lord Devonport's order, the loaf purchased now must weigh 1lb. or multiples, and must be of the one-piece oven-bottom type or a tin loaf.

Current bread is also a thing of the past from to-day. Rolls weighing 2oz. will be the only survivors of the "fancy" breads.

There was a great run on bakers' shops on Saturday night by housewives to ensure bread supplies for this morning.

Many poorer people bought up more than their usual supply because they could not get potatoes, and in many homes yesterday bread replaced potatoes for the Sunday dinner.

The potato shortage becomes graver daily. Wholesale merchants in Covent Garden have told *The Daily Mirror* there will be a potato famine in the middle of May.

SEEKING OUT HOARDERS.

Captain Bathurst, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary to the Food Control Department, now predicts that it will come even earlier.

"At the present rate of consumption there will be no potatoes available for anyone in about six weeks," was his warning statement on Saturday at Gloucester.

"There is a more serious scarcity in the matter of potatoes now," he said, "than at any time during the last forty years."

The hoarding of sugar and groceries so vigorously denounced in *The Daily Mirror* was receiving the paramount attention of the Food Controller, who was contemplating drastic action, added Captain Bathurst.

Under the Defence of the Realm Act it was possible for the Controller not merely to examine the trade books of those serving customers to excess, but also to take powers enabling the police to enter the private houses.

"A BACK TO BEND."

Mr. Thomas Hardy's Poem Calling for National Service Recruits.

Mr. Thomas Hardy, O.M., the famous Wessex novelist and poet, has written the following sonnet in advocacy of national service:

Up and be doing, all who have a hand.
To lift, a back to bend. It must not be
In times like these that vaguely linger we
To air our vaults and hopes; and leave our land
Untended as a wild of weeds and sand.

Say, then, "I come," and go, O women and men
Of palace, ploughshare, easel, counter, pen:
It will enray your names to dates unscanned

Would years but let me stir as once I stirred
At many a dawn to take the forward track,
And with a stride plunged on to enterprise,
I now would speed like yester wind that whirled
Through breaking pines; and serve with never a slack
So loud for promptness all around outcries!

A great new campaign is being organised on behalf of the national service campaign. The Queen has consented to be present at the Women's National Service meeting to be held at the Albert Hall next Saturday afternoon.

"PLOUGH ON SUNDAYS."

Labourers Reminded There Is No Rest Day in the Trenches.

Sir Arthur Lee, the Director-General of Food Production, has addressed an appeal to ploughmen and workers on the land.

"In the trenches German shells come over on Sunday as on weekdays; German submarines are just as active on Sundays as any other day," he writes.

"The enemy takes no holidays. He uses every hour to destroy your country and kill your brothers. Will you not work every hour from daybreak to dusk, on weekday and Sunday, for the next few weeks?"

"Your work now may make just the difference between winning the war and losing it. Put in your best work."

LORD KITCHENER'S JUDGMENT.

Sir George Arthur, in a letter to the Press, says:—

"The report of the Dardanelles Commission criticises Lord Kitchener's judgment as to the expedition."

"The chief witnesses to this point, Lord Kitchener himself and his personal military secretary, Colonel Fitzgerald, can, unhappily, no longer be heard."

"This is not the time, and it is certainly not my place, to make any comment; but I would submit that when the full story of Lord Kitchener's share in the conduct of the war is published further light may be thrown—so far as he is concerned—in the episode—the career of the man to whose foresight and courage the preservation of this Empire may be said to be due."



Pumping water from the Tigris. The man wearing the curious hat who is seen leaning against the pillar is an Arab.

TWO NEW V.C.s.

Captain's Wonderful Work Beating Off Counter-Attacks.

WOUNDED MAN'S FIGHT FOR GUN.

The King has approved of the award of the Victoria Cross to the undermentioned officer and non-commissioned officer:—

Captain Henry William Murray, D.S.O., Australian Infantry.—For most conspicuous bravery when in command of the right flank company in attack. He led his company to the assault with great skill and courage, and the position was quickly captured. Fighting of a very severe nature followed, and three heavy counter-attacks were beaten back, these successes being due to Captain Murray's wonderful work.

Throughout the night his company suffered heavy casualties through concentrated enemy shell fire, and on one occasion gave ground for a short way. This gallant officer rallied his command and saved the situation by sheer valour.

He made his presence felt throughout the line, encouraging his men, heading bombing parties, leading bayonet charges and carrying wounded to places of safety.

His magnificent example inspired his men. Sergeant Edward John Mott, Border Regiment.—For most conspicuous gallantry and initiative when, in an attack, the company to which he belonged was held up at a strong point by machine gun fire.

Although severely wounded in the eye, Sergeant Mott made a rush for the gun, and after a fierce struggle seized the gunner and took him prisoner, capturing the gun.

It was due to the dash and initiative of this non-commissioned officer that the left flank attack succeeded.

'HER WICKED INFLUENCE.'

Judge and Mrs. Wheeldon—Sentences in Poison Plot.

Found guilty of (1) conspiracy and (2) soliciting to murder the Premier and Mr. Arthur Henderson, Mrs. Wheeldon was at the Old Bailey on Saturday sentenced to ten years' penal servitude.

Winnie Mason (Mrs. Wheeldon's daughter), aged thirty, and Alfred Mason (her son-in-law), aged twenty-four, found guilty of conspiracy, received five and seven years' penal servitude respectively, the jury recommending them to mercy on account of their youth.

Hetty Wheeldon was discharged, the jury saying there was not sufficient evidence against her.

Both Mrs. Wheeldon and Alfred Mason said "Thank you" when the Judge passed sentence. Winnie Mason—a frail-looking creature—seemed unmoved.

"I feel your position was largely due to the bad and wicked influence of your mother," was Mr. Justice Low's comment.

WOUNDED AT WINDOW.

How General French's Sister Received Her Fatal Injuries.

WOMAN WHO NEVER TIRED.

FROM G. WARD PRICE.

SALONIKA, Thursday.—The continued enemy bombardment of Monastir has claimed a distinguished English victim in Mrs. Harley, a sister of Lord French, who, from the beginning of the campaign, had been working for the Serbians.

Mrs. Harley first came out here with the Scottish Women's Hospital, a unit of which she commanded. Later on she returned to England and formed an ambulance unit of her own, working for Serbians. This she conducted until she transferred her efforts to the feeding of Serbian children at Monastir.

Mrs. Harley's daily distribution was over on Tuesday, and she was sitting alone by the window of the house where she stayed when the usual evening bombardment of the town began. A shrapnel shell burst close to the window and a fragment struck Mrs. Harley in the head. She fell to the ground and was found lying there a few minutes later by her daughter, who worked with her for the Serbians.

The remembrance of this never-firing, always-smiling, white-haired lady will long remain with those who have known the Monastir front during winter. She was satisfied with nothing but the hardest work as close up to the line as possible.

Danger could not deter her from the work she had taken on no more than the cold, exposure and fatigue she met so constantly.

"WITHOUT A NATION."

How Unnaturalised Women Are Cared For in London.

"For Women Without a Nation" is the pathetic title of a committee at the American Women's Club in Hertford-street directed by Lady Lowther.

There are an amazing number of women stranded in London who cannot claim the rights and protection of a State; they are the citizens of Nowhere.

Such, *The Daily Mirror* was told, is the position of an Englishwoman who married a Belgian and went with him to America, where he lived long enough to lose his nationality.

Neither took out naturalisation papers, and when they returned for the husband to fight for Belgium the woman lost all nationality.

Such cases may be multiplied a hundred-fold, and it is to the American Women's Club that the women turn in their need.

Apart from the club house, there are committees to help stranded Americans and to educate American children. There are workrooms where hospital requisites are supplied to the Allies, an infant welfare centre, a knitting factory for the aged and poor.



This map shows the Asia Minor portion of the Berlin to Bagdad line. By the occupation of Bagdad the British have shattered the Kaiser's dream of a road to India. Constantinople is 1,000 miles from Bagdad.

CRITICAL DAYS IN PARLIAMENT.

First Week of Irish Party's New Campaign.

COTTON DUTIES CRISIS.

By Our Parliamentary Correspondent.

With the Irish Party in active opposition and a crisis threatened by the Free Traders over the new Indian cotton duties, the coming week in Parliament threatens to be one of considerable anxiety for the Government.

The new Nationalist campaign opens this afternoon, when Mr. John Redmond will demand an early day for the discussion of the Irish Estimates and precedence for the vote of the Chief Secretary's salary, which allows a general debate on Ireland to take place.

Two demands will also be made by Mr. Asquith to-day. He will ask:—

(1) That the evidence on which the findings of the Dardanelles Commission are founded shall be published; and

(2) That as soon as may be after that opportunity shall be given to discuss the Report.

It is understood that the Government are indisposed to grant the former request, but it may be taken for granted that a day will be given for a debate.

CONDUCT OF THE WAR.

As a matter of fact, the Government could not refuse the request for a debate, coming as it does from the ex-Prime Minister, whose conduct of the war is the subject of criticism.

The business this afternoon is the report stage of the National Service Bill, on which an amendment is to be proposed that before any order restricting or suspending a trade comes into force it shall be laid before Parliament for ten days, or if either House presents an address against it no further proceedings shall be taken.

Of far-reaching importance is the debate fixed for Wednesday on the increased duties on cotton imported into India.

The imposition of the new duties on cotton imported into India without any corresponding excise duty has caused a good deal of resentment in free trade circles, and a critical division is threatened.

FOE'S STALE LIE.

British Officer Denies Two-Year-Old Story of Inhumanity.

The Secretary of the Admiralty yesterday issued a statement explaining that the German Wireless Press of March 6 quoted an article in the *Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung*, headed "A Baraborg Case in the Cameroons."

This article purports to give a description of an action between the armoured German Government steamer *Nachtigall* and H.M.S. *Dwarf* in the Cameroons River on the night of September 26-27, 1914, and alleges that, after the officers and crew of the *Nachtigall* had abandoned their vessel, the *Dwarf* opened fire upon them whilst they were swimming in the water.

The officer in command of the *Dwarf* at the time of her action with the *Nachtigall* in a new report gives categorical denials to the German charges.

The searchlight, he says, was trained on the water to assist the *Dwarf's* boats in picking up survivors.

Lieutenant Wendling's statement that he "charged me with having ordered my first to be opened upon German sailors adrift" is also absolutely without truth.

TO FIGHT U BOATS.

Steamer's Escape from Pirates after Four Hours' Fight.

ROME, Sunday.—In the Chamber yesterday Admiral Corsi, Minister of Marine, explained the measures adopted against submarine warfare in conjunction with the Allied nations.

Anti-submarine defence was rendered the more efficacious by the action of aeroplanes, and small dirigibles were constantly skimming the sea to warn ships of the presence of hostile submarines.

The armament of merchantmen has had, said Admiral Corsi, most satisfactory results.

He quoted the case of the Italian steamer *Alberto Trevisani* which has made good its sea arrival, beating off a submarine after a fight lasting for four hours.

DUCHESS OF CONNAUGHT'S ILLNESS.

Last night's bulletin stated that the Duchess of Connaught has passed a restless night, but her strength was maintained. There was no change to report for the better.

The Duchess was taken ill with influenza and bronchitis on February 13.

During convalescence the temperature again rose, and on February 26 measles developed. The Duchess has been accompanied by considerable broncho-pneumonia.

FALL OF BAGDAD SIR F. S. MAUDE'S GREAT TRIUMPH

Union Jack Floating Over City Which Was in Turks' Hands for 279 Years.

SURPRISE CROSSING IN BRIGHT MOONLIGHT

British Fight Through Blinding Sand Storms and Gale—Death Knell of Hun Hopes in East.

BRITISH OFFICIAL.

MESOPOTAMIA.—In continuation of the announcement that our forces were engaged with the enemy on the line of the Diala on the night of March 8, our troops succeeded, in spite of bright moonlight, in effecting a surprise crossing of the Diala and in establishing a strong post on the right bank of that river.

Meanwhile, on the morning of the 8th, the Tigris having been bridged at some distance down stream from the confluence of the Diala, a strong British detachment marched up the right bank and found the enemy holding his position about six miles south-west of Bagdad.

The enemy were driven from this position to another two miles in the rear.

During the night of March 9 the passage of the Diala was forced, and our troops advanced some four miles towards Bagdad.

During the 9th our forces on the right bank drove the enemy from his second position, bivouacking on the ground gained.

This advantage, in spite of blinding duststorms and a violent gale, was pressed on the morning of the 10th, the Turks being forced back to within three miles west and south-west of Bagdad.

Since the above was received, Sir Stanley Maude, telegraphing on March 11, announces that the British forces occupied Bagdad early that morning.

No further details have yet been received.

GEN. MAUDE SHATTERS KAISER'S DREAM.

Blow That Will Resound Through All the Eastern Nations.

GLITTERING WAR PRIZE.

Bagdad—a glittering prize of war—has been snatched from the Turks by General Sir Stanley Maude in a series of lightning strokes, and he has dissipated the Kaiser's fondest dream.

Hurrah for Bagdad! Bravo the Mesopotamian Expeditionary Force, which has endured so much, has won through so splendidly and added a great triumph to British Arms! By their deeds the British prestige in the East has been supremely re-established and the pan-German designs against India have been dealt a mortal blow.

For the Turk, even if Constantinople is 1,000 miles from Bagdad, it is the sign and portent of the passing of Ottoman power. The echoes of the fall of Bagdad will not be pleasing music to the ears of the Enver Bey party in the capital.

It was on February 24 that the British re-entered Kut and fifteen days later they had covered 100 miles and placed the Union Jack in the Arabian Nights city, which the Turks had held for 279 years.

It must not be forgotten that east of Bagdad our Russian Allies are making splendid progress in Persia, and the day cannot be far off when British and Russians will be side by side at Bagdad and beyond. Russian cavalry, it will be remembered, reached our forces near Kut in 1916.

ROMANTIC CITY.

The city itself is one of the most ancient of Mohammedan towns, and, excepting Mecca, occupies the first place in the mind and imagination of all good Mohammedans.

Events live long in the Eastern mind, and such a blow as its capture will endure as long as memory lasts.

Renowned alike for its learning, its trade and for the beauty of its markets and gardens, it contains palaces which were once unmatched for their splendour.

The town was built by Abu Ja'far, in 762, on the ruins of an older city, and enlarged and enriched by the famous Haroun-el-Raschid.

For over 500 years it was the capital of the Abbaside dynasty of Caliphs, attaining during that period a prosperity and fame which gained for it its Eastern name of Dar-es-Salam ("The Dwelling of Peace.")

In 1258 the town surrendered to Hulaku, and in 1393 it was conquered by Timur.

Throughout the sixteenth century Persians and Turks struggled for the city, which in 1638 was finally annexed by Amurath, the Ottoman Caliph, since when it has remained in Ottoman hands.

Its importance in the great war lies in the fact that it is on the high road to India, and was to be the temporary end of the Bagdad railway. Present-day Bagdad is the object of devotion to myriads of pilgrims, who come to visit its ancient tombs and mosques.

Merchants still throng its world-famed bazaars, where wonderful leather and woollen goods and Eastern fabrics are displayed.

Most of the trade of Persia passes through the city on its way to the Persian Gulf by caravan or by the Tigris, and in normal times the town has a population of 150,000.

BAGDAD DUGOUTS.

The Tigris at Bagdad is a third of a mile wide, the old town on the western bank being joined to the new town on the opposite shore by the usual Eastern pontoon bridges.

A thick earthen wall five miles in circumference and studded with towers surrounds the town.

The climate of Bagdad, owing to the variations of temperature, is a trying one. The summer heat is excessive, but dry, and the inhabitants then dwell chiefly in semi-subterranean rooms.

BAGDAD IN BRIEF.

1914.—When the operations began in the autumn of 1914 the expeditionary force consisted of only one division. In November General Sir A. Barrett occupied Basra.

1915.—In January Kurna was captured. In April another division was added, under the command of Sir J. Nixon, and by July the Turks' positions in the Tigris and Euphrates had been captured. September 29 General Townshend captured Kut. November 22, battle of Ctesiphon (eighteen miles from Bagdad). December 3, General Townshend falls back on Kut, and Nur-ed-Din Pasha begins siege of Kut.

1916.—January to April, attempts made to relieve Kut, which fell to Khalil Pasha on April 29, with 11,000 men, 200 officers and twenty-eight guns. December 13, British, under command of Sir F. S. Maude, resume offensive.

1917.—January 10, Turkish trenches taken northeast of Kut, cavalry occupy Hal. February 9-10, liquorice factory held by General Townshend throughout siege of Kut taken. February 24, Kut occupied, and fifteen days later Bagdad was occupied.

THE RUSSIAN THRUST.

RUSSIAN OFFICIAL.

As a result of fighting in the region of Hamadan our detachments occupied Sakine on March 7.

Pursued by our troops the enemy, after a stubborn resistance, retreated towards Bismutun.

Munshi Khan in Sakine were captured by us.—Central News.

By road the Russians are about 211 miles east of Bagdad.

IN CITY OF THE CALIPHS.



Bagdad is in our hands, and without doubt it will not be long before the Russians will link up with our forces. They are at Sakina (Persia), 240 miles from Bagdad, but no doubt, as they did once in the Kut region, their cavalry will annihilate the distance.—(G. Philip and Son.)

U.S. SHIPS TO FIRE AT PIRATES ON SIGHT.

War with Germany Regarded as Imminent.

New York, Sunday.—The Washington correspondent of the Associated Press states that in the opinion of the State Department the mere appearance of a German submarine or of its periscope in the presence of an American armed merchantman would entitle the American vessel to take all measures for her protection on the assumption that the purpose of the U boat was hostile.

Under this ruling American armed merchantmen could fire on a German submarine the moment it was sighted.

This view is based on Germany's declared intention to sink at sight within certain zones all vessels, neutral as well as belligerent, whether passenger vessels, merchantmen, or carriers of contraband.—Reuter.

The Wireless Press correspondent in Washington is informed that war is regarded as imminent.

FOOD SHIP FOR BELGIANS SUNK BY PIRATES.

Part of Norwegian Crew Missing—Chief Engineer Dead.

A Central News correspondent telegraphs that the steamer Storstad (3,600 tons) of Norway, from Buenos Ayres, has been sunk by a German submarine.

The captain and eleven men have been picked up and landed. There are no tidings of the rest of the crew. The dead body of the chief engineer has been landed.

The Storstad was carrying a cargo of 10,000 tons of maize, valued at £150,000, which was intended for the relief of the suffering poor in Belgium. The Storstad had all the distinctive markings of a relief ship.

It was the Storstad that collided with the Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Ireland in the Gulf of St. Lawrence on May 29, 1914, when nearly 1,000 lives were lost.

THREE FRENCH RAIDS.

FRENCH OFFICIAL.

We carried out several successful coups de main against the German trenches in the regions of Laessigny and Camys-sur-Metz and in the Woivre, north of the Bois du Jury.

During these actions we took about fifteen prisoners and also captured a machine gun. There was a fairly considerable activity on the part of both artilleries in the sector of Maisons de Champagne.

In Alsace an enemy attempt against our small posts in the region of Largitzen failed under our fire.

Aviation.—It is confirmed that a German aeroplane was brought down in an aerial fight on March 4. The enemy machine fell in the neighbourhood of Roze.—Reuter.

KAISER IN FRANCE.

PARIS Saturday.—The Echo de Paris says that, according to latest news, the Kaiser has for several days been at Charleville, where he has received reports from the army commanders.—Reuter.

MISS MAUDE'S CALL.

General Sir Stanley Maude's daughter has issued the following:—

"The great endurance of hardships suffered by the British troops in Mesopotamia has been rewarded by the capture of Bagdad."

"I am sure the public will show their gratitude by making Mesopotamia Day, April 13—in aid of comforts for British troops in Mesopotamia—a brilliant success."

"I shall be glad if those who are willing to serve on the day will communicate with me."

Stella Maude, hon. organizer, 28, Regent-street, W.

HAUL OF PRISONERS AT IRLES 292.

Foe's Attacks at Lens Crushed Whilst Preparing.

NIGHT AND DAY SHELLING.

BRITISH OFFICIAL.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, Sunday.

8.22 P.M.—The total number of prisoners taken by us in the course of yesterday's successful operations against the village of Irles is three officers and 289 other ranks. These figures include those already reported.

During the night hostile attacks observed to be in preparation in the enemy's trenches west and north-west of Lens were crushed by our artillery before they could develop.

There has been considerable artillery activity on both sides during the night and to-day in the area of the Somme and Ancre, south of Arras, and in the neighbourhood of Armentieres and Ypres.

"WITHDREW TO ORDERS."

GERMAN OFFICIAL.

Western Theatre.—Yesterday, on the ground before our new Ancre front, there was a lively artillery duel and infantry fighting near Irles, after which our rearward detachments, in accordance with orders, withdrew to the main position.

Between the Ancre and the Oise French attacks, after violent artillery fire, were unsuccessful.

In Champagne the French in the evening renewed their attacks against our positions on the southern slopes of Hill 185 and on both sides of the Champagne Farm.

In spite of the employment of strong forces and a heavy expenditure of munitions, they were everywhere singularly repulsed.

Night Communiqué.—On the Ancre, between the Ancre and the Oise, in the Champagne, and on both sides of the Meuse, there has been lively firing activity.—Admiralty per Wireless.

IMPORTANCE OF THE CAPTURE OF IRLES.

Huns Caught in a Trap with Their Packs on Back.

PARIS, Sunday.—All the newspapers comment on the fresh success of the British in capturing the village of Irles, which they say will enable the British forces to advance their line on a wide extent of ground.

The Petit Journal says the British have just gained a fresh and brilliant success in the Ancre sector.

After the occupation of the villages of Miraumont and Petit Miraumont they continued to push northward. The Germans put their best work in the defensive works prepared in the region of Irles, but this was the trench system which our Allies took yesterday.

The Germans would have liked to evacuate the place at the last, as they did Miraumont and Pys, and the other villages, but did not retire quick enough, and the British caught them with their packs on their backs.

The struggle was short, and our Allies soon got the upper hand, overwhelming the enemy, with slight losses to themselves.

The Journal says: "A very brilliant success marked the rising of the sun. Our Allies captured the village, with a good number of prisoners. Although surrounded by the enemy on three sides at once, our Allies seized the salient."—Reuter.

The Petit Parisien says: "This time the Germans cannot say they made a voluntary evacuation of ground."

"In face of the German stubbornness the British applied the method which has given them such fine results, on the Ancre."

"They drove in a wedge on the left, and then outflanked the village from the west. The place could not hold long after those operations."—Central News.

With regard to the capture of Irles, the French expert commentator says:—

"It is a most interesting success in itself, because it proves the efficacy of the method of pressure applied by our British Allies, and also because it begins the outflanking of Bapaume on the north-west."—Reuter.

RUSSIANS' GAS ATTACKS.

RUSSIAN OFFICIAL.

Western Front.—In the region of Shmarden (south-east of Tulkum) and east of the Mitau road gas attacks were made by us.

Rumanian Front.—Fighting continues for the possession of the heights north-west of Okna.—Central News.

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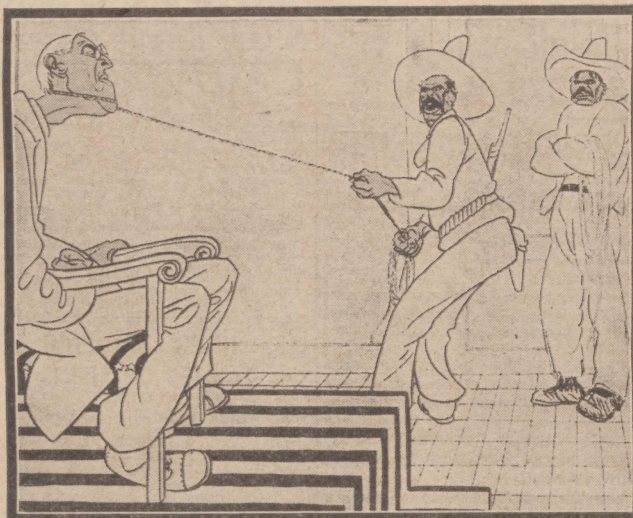
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V.C.'s BRIDE-TO-BE.



Mrs. Joan Whipple, the fiancée of Captain L. R. Robinson, V.C., who brought a Zeppelin down at Cuffley.

MISSING SOLDIERS.



Pte. John Manley (King's Liverpool). Write to 5, Warden-road, Lordship-lane, Tottenham.



Pte. Carter (Royal Warwick). Write to Mrs. Carter, Wold-lane, Wolvey, Hinckley.

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"HOPED-FOR STEADFASTNESS" ?

THE Prussian Government is forced to put grave discomfort and even starvation upon its home population, in order to feed the only section of the community Prussia has ever really cared about—the armies, and those immediately subordinate to the fighting force.

Prussia worries little about the others, and it is probable, therefore, that the fate of the others will have little to do with the course of the war. The Hun is starving himself—a process of suicide he began when he voluntarily cut himself off from the greater part of the civilised world by making war upon it. He is using his available food entirely for those engaged in the war. Those left over can complain.

But Prussia holds that they ought not to complain. They ought to suffer in silence.

They are not suffering in silence. They are wailing: "Peace and Bread!" Their new Food Controller was at once told to warn them that Peace would not mean Bread; and therefore they had better go on with the war.

This was cold comfort. The wailing continued. And now—as we said on Saturday—Herf Michaelis is obliged to confess that "all sections of the population have failed to show the hoped-for steadfastness" in starving. In other words: "I expected you good Germans to live on nothing much without a groan." But under-eating was never a Hun virtue.

What about ourselves?

How would any kind of shortage—not general shortage, but special shortages in certain foods—be met and endured by us? Would we show "the hoped-for steadfastness"?

Answer by watching the potato fuss!

Fewer people are probably in want of food now than wanted it in peace. Wages are high, employment easy. But there are few potatoes or none. And see what an absurd fuss some sections of the people are making! We hear of women waiting clamouring, complaining, denouncing! You would think they had lived on potatoes and on nothing but potatoes all their lives. The motto *do without* never occurs to them. Our women of the people are, as a rule, bad cooks; lacking in frugality and resource, as now they show no resource in finding a substitute for potatoes. We conclude that they would probably meet a real shortage without the "hoped-for steadfastness," if already they make this clamour over a food they have suddenly conceived to be indispensable, now they have to go without it.

The Government must act firmly and in time to prevent a similar clamour over other foods. It must above all take its warning from the women waiting outside for the potatoes they "simply must have," now that they can't have them.

W. M.

A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

Society never advances. It recedes as fast on one side as it gains on the other. It undergoes continual changes; it is barbarous, it is civilised, it is Christianised, it is rich, it is scientific; but this change is not amelioration. For everything that is given, something is taken. Society acquires new arts, and loses old instincts. What a contrast between the well-clad, reading, writing, thinking American, with a watch, a pencil and a bill of exchange in his pocket, and the naked New Zealander, whose property is a club, a spear, and a mat and an undivided twentieth of a shed to sleep under! But compare the health of the two men, and you shall see that the white man has lost his aboriginal strength.—Emerson.

WHAT THE X-RAYS ARE DOING FOR OUR MEN

LOCATING BULLETS BY MEANS OF THE TELEPHONE.

By T. THORNE BAKER.

"THE bullet is one and a half inches below the surface, and one and a quarter inches from the side." A tiny incision is made, and a moment later the forceps bring the bullet from the spot indicated.

This is what is going on daily in our military hospitals. By means of the X-rays the position of a bullet or piece of shrapnel is located with wonderful precision; the rays are no longer merely a means of examining or photographing a fractured bone or a piece of metal. Refined methods of locating the

ture repair shop. An X-ray photograph of a wound can be taken at once, and it is sent home, with the man, to the hospital where he is subsequently sent, and is an invaluable aid to treatment as a reference.

The more powerful installations to-day enable diagnoses to be made of injured lungs, hearts and almost any vital organ; in many cases of treatment X-ray photographs are taken every day or two so that the progress of the treatment can be watched.

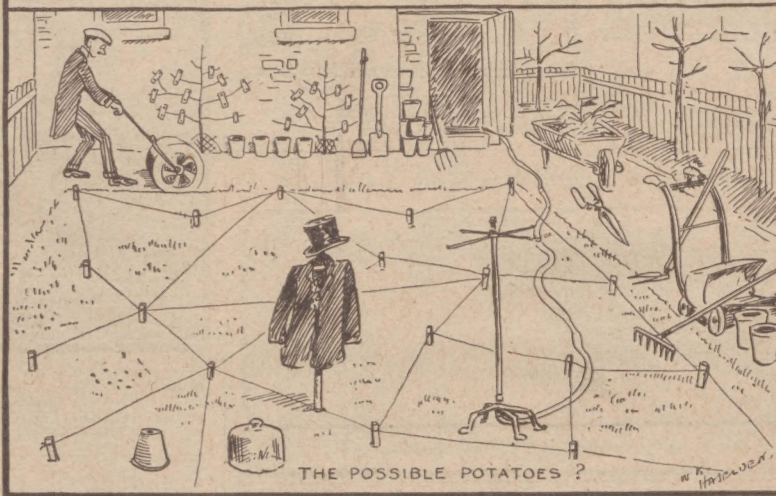
MERCIFUL SCIENCE.

The anesthetic, the antiseptic and the X-rays are the three most powerful weapons with which the ravages of destruction are being fought. In the days of the Boer War X-ray work was in its infancy, and was often carried out under great difficulties. Many

POTATOES AND PESSIMISM—POOR PROSPECTS!



THE POTATO POSSIBILITY



Many amateur back-gardeners are setting to work to meet the potato crisis by ploughing the lawn. Our cartoonist, for once, is a "pessimist," and seems to fear that there will be small result from these efforts.—(By W. K. Haselden.)

exact spot where the metal or bullet is lodged, its depth from the surface, and so on, have increased the value of the X-rays in war surgery tenfold.

The number of X-ray photographs taken at some of the larger hospitals during the war has run into tens of thousands; it has given an opportunity for useful service to large numbers of volunteers. Members of photographic clubs and societies, and women in particular, carry out the routine work of developing the negatives, and the X-ray department may be said to be a vital part of every hospital organisation.

In the various fighting zones the size of the installations runs downwards to almost portable sets: perhaps the most notable case is the X-ray wagon, an ambulance wagon complete with a small installation, a petrol-electric generator to supply the electric current, a couch for the patient to lie on while being examined, a dark room and a mini-

minutes were frequently required to take a photograph where now a fraction of a second suffices. The art of location by the rays was all but unknown.

To-day local anaesthesia can be produced by electricity—by a certain type of high frequency current. Deep-seated rheumatism can be treated in wounds by warming the body in any desired part by the same means. Electricity has, as always, vindicated itself as the great factor in dealing with human life.

A remarkable means of locating bullets or shell fragments in use in war surgery to-day is the telephone locator. The surgeon wears a headpiece telephone like the man in the call-box. One end of the telephone is connected with a vat saturated with salt and water applied to the skin of the patient, the other end to a needle. As soon as the needle touches the bullet a buzz is heard in the telephone, so that its extraction can at once be made.

A WOMAN'S SECRET.

WHICH IS REALLY THE INDISCREET AND TALKATIVE SEX?

THEY TALK TO OTHER WOMEN!

MR. VANE seems to have had his leg pulled by the little old lady who did not tell him the truth. I gather she was old by his article.

Now it is true that women can keep secrets when they want to. It is doubly true that they can keep them from men.

But it is truer still that women very seldom do want to keep secrets—except from men.

It is amongst themselves that women chatter. I may say the same thing of men. Men talk amongst themselves, and are in every way quite as big gossips as women.

As to their being solicitors, I fancy women could do as well at this business as men. Probably their strong practical sense would indeed prevent their doing so badly.

A. M. E.
Wimbledon.

HUSBAND AND WIFE.

A WIFE seldom feels inclined to tell her secrets to her husband. He is sure to scold her or to tell her she did wrong.

He, on the other hand, is always ready and pleased to confide in her.

He expects to be able to recite his woes at the end of the day. She keeps silent and does not tell him hers.

Men "talk" more than women. MUCH MARRIED.
Barton-terrace, Dawlish.

"THE WAR GIRL."

WE cannot help replying to the article appearing in your issue of the 9th, "The War Girl in Colonial life."

May be what "Anzac" says is true of a certain class of girls, but this class certainly represents the minority. We, as clerks mixing with other girls of the same vocation, can vouch for our own sphere.

We are proud of our boys in "khaki" and "blue," and when an occasion arises we are glad to show our appreciation by little offerings, such as cigarettes, etc. But we apparently cannot show our gratitude without our motives being grossly misjudged.

Evidently "Anzac" has not associated with the typical English girl. The type of girl that one meets in Waterloo-road and the Strand does not represent the whole of British womanhood.

SOME BRITISH GIRLS.

IN MY GARDEN.

MARCH 11.—Onions should be sown early this month, providing the soil is in a suitable condition. They must be given deeply-worked and good ground. Previous to sowing well fork the bed over and give it a dressing of soot. Then rake it over and make the surface smooth and firm.

Onions should be sown in drills that run about a foot apart and are one inch in depth. Before covering the seed, scatter ashes from the garden fire, if available, along the rows.

E. F. T.

These, however, are only side issues. "It is the X-rays which, by enabling us to 'look inside the body,' provide a means of saving lives on a scale it is difficult to realise. This splendid science, in its present state of efficiency, has more than counteracted any progress made in high explosives and machine guns.

THE DREAM.

Dear friend, far off, my lost desire,

So far, so near it now seems to me!

O loved the most, when most I feel

There is a lower and a higher;

Known and unknown; human, divine;

Sweet human hand and lips and eye;

Dear heavenly friend that cannot not die,

Mine, mine, for ever, ever mine;

Strange friend, past, present, and to be;

Loved deeper, darker understood;

Behold, I dream of you, my friend,

And mingle all the world with thee.

—THENTSON.

CANDLES IN SHOPS

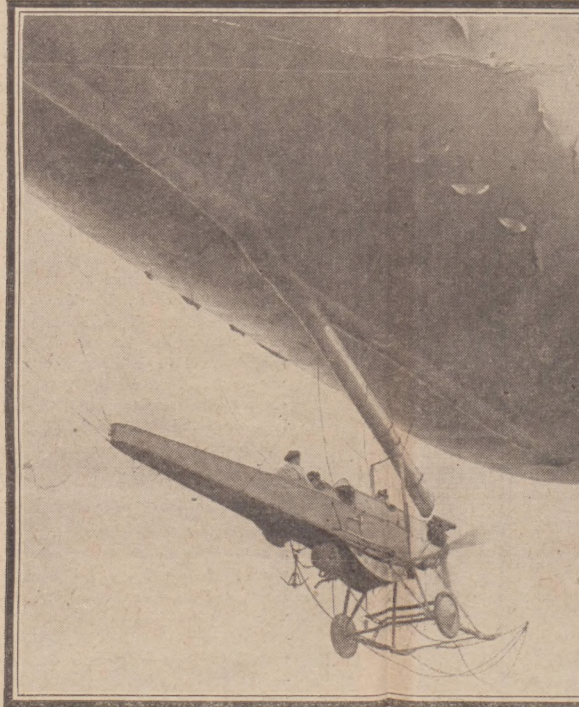


Paris in 1917 is "the city of candle light." Coal is urgently needed for war purposes, so many of the big shops are using candles for illumination. The photograph was taken in a famous house on the boulevards.—(Wyndham.)

"EYES" WHICH CAN SEE BENEATH THE WATERS—SPOTTIN



Hailing a neutral ship. Dirigible operating at a low altitude, about 230ft.



Type of small allied dirigible with a car slightly modified from that of a patrol boat.

MESOPOTAMIAN FLAG DAY.



Miss Maude, daughter of the Commander-in-Chief in Mesopotamia, busy organising a flag day for her father's victorious troops.

ON THE SICK LIST.



The Countess of Lisburne, who is seriously ill. She is a daughter of Don Julio de Bittencourt, of the Chilean Legation.—(Hoppe.)



Remarkable photograph showing a dirigible passing over a roadstead on its return. Airships were first introduced by the British Navy for tracking U boats, which in clear weather. A dirigible can itself attack a submarine by dropping bombs up the patrol boats by means of its "wireless."—(From L'Illustration.)

CAVALRY AT WORK ON THE WESTERN FRONT.



A "370" gun in action in the French lines.—(French War Office photograph.)



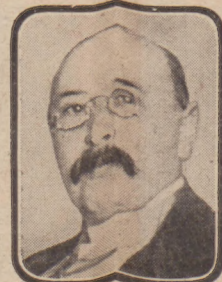
A cavalry reconnaissance party during the British advance in the west.—(Official photograph.) Both British and French continue to advance and make prisoners. We have taken several guns.

MENTIONED FOR NURSING SERVICES.



Miss A. Woodhouse, matron of the 2nd Western General Hospital, Manchester, who has just been mentioned for valuable services, distributing cigarettes to her patients.

A NEW RECRUIT.



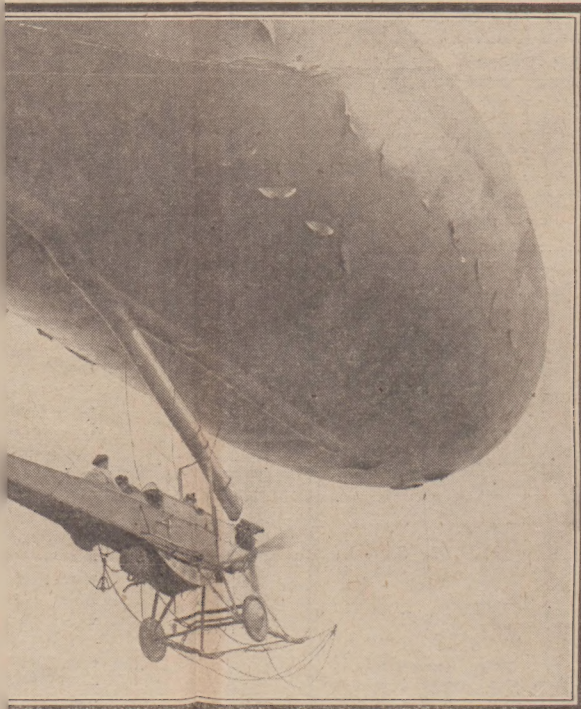
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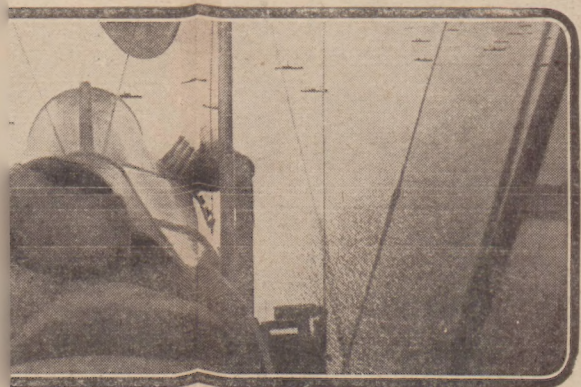


A corner of a room.

WATERS—SPOTTING THE HIDING PIRATES FROM THE AIR.



Blind dirigible with a car slightly modified from that of an aeroplane.



Following a dirigible passing over a roadstead on its return from a reconnaissance. Directed by the British Navy for tracking U boats, which can be seen under water gible can itself attack a submarine by dropping bombs upon it and can also call out boats by means of its "wireless."—(From *L'Illustration*.)



Coastline photographed from the air at 1,000ft.; airship just entering cloud.

ROYAL DUCHESS ILL.



The Duchess of Connaught, who, states yesterday's bulletin, passed a restless night. Her strength, however, was maintained.

LADY ROBERTSON'S PALM.



Lady Robertson having her hand read by Mme. Libra after opening a sale of work at Caxton Hall in aid of St. Dunstan's Hostel.

SAVING THE CLOTH



A pegtop or barrel skirt, which is becoming popular in Paris. It is in cream-coloured cloth with red embroideries. The neck is finished with a row of red enamel buckles through which ribbon is threaded.—(Peggy.)

KINSMAN OF GENERAL SMUTS IN "RUGGER" MATCH.



P. A. Smuts (Bart.'s) tying a bandage for a player who was slightly hurt.

S. A NEW RECRUIT.



The Lord Mayor of Manchester, who has informed the City Council that he intends to enrol himself for national service.

A NEW VADE MECUM FOR SOLDIERS.



A corner of the new Y.M.C.A. hut in Trafalgar-square, where the men ask all sorts of extraordinary questions—and get them answered.—(Daily Mirror photograph.)



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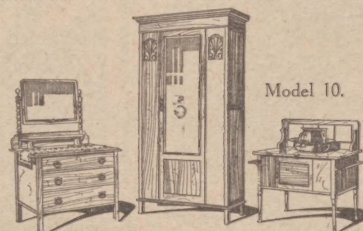
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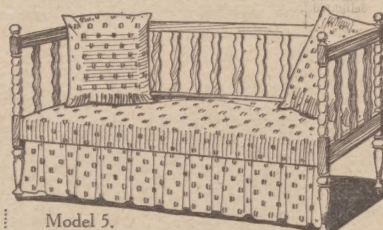
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THE PHANTOM LOVER

By RUBY M. AYRES



Esther Shepstone.

PEOPLE IN THE STORY.

MICKY MELLOWES, a rich bachelor, who has had all the good things of life, is able to help.

ESTHER SHEPSTONE, a beautiful girl, who is earning her own living. Esther has given up her employment, because she is going to be married to

RAYMOND ASHTON, a good-for-nothing fellow who is going to throw the girl over.

JUNE MASON, who is Micky's friend, becomes Esther's friend. June comes to Esther Mason that he loves Esther.

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"I can't bear it any longer—it's no use. . . I've borne all I can. . . Oh, Micky. . . Micky." He forced her hands from his arms; he put her back into the chair and sat down beside her; he hated to see the white despair of her face; he held her hands tightly between his own.

"You're ill—upset. . . It's all right—everything is all right. You're not to worry any more. . . Everything is going to be all right. . . At that moment he would have given his soul for a wanted her for his wife. He cursed him self for a cur and a coward, but somehow he could not force the words to his lips.

She pulled her hands away; she lay back against the cushions, hiding her face. There was a tragic moment of silence; out in the ballroom a noisy one-step was in boisterous progress; there was a great deal of laughter and chattering; the little ante-room seemed almost as if it must be in another world.

Micky got up, he walked across the room and shut the door. There was a hard look about his mouth; for an instant he stood staring down at the floor irresolutely; then he came back to where Marie was crouched. He bent over her, but he did not touch her.

He spoke her name. "Marie" She moved a little, but did not raise her head. "I want to speak to you," he said again hurriedly.

Still no answer. "Marie, for pity's sake," Micky said imploringly. She looked up then. Her face was flushed and quivering, and the brown eyes that for a moment had been full of an unutterable grief and shame.

"Oh," she said in a broken whisper. "If you'd just go away—leave me to myself." Micky did not answer. For an instant the utter impossibility of ever going back now struck him to the core. This was the end, the very end—he had burned his boats and hidden good-bye to the one woman he loved for ever.

Then all his natural chivalry rose in his heart. Hitherto it had been only of himself that he had thought, but now . . . his eyes softened as they rested on the girl's bowed head; he stooped and took her hand, held it fast in his steady grip. "Will you marry me?" he said gently.

And, oh, the long, long time before she answered! It seemed to Micky that he lived through years as he stood there with the rattling tongue of the one-step in his ears and Marie's tragic figure before his eyes. Was she never going to speak? To answer him?

Then, all at once she sat up very stiff and straight—there were tears scorching her flushed cheeks and her eyes seemed to burn. "Will I—will I—marry you?" she echoed his words as if not understanding them.

Her voice rose a little. "Then it isn't true . . . it can't be true—what he said?" "What did he say? Who are you talking about? What do you mean?"

She began to sob; quiet, tearless sobs that seemed to bring no relief with them. "Raymond Ashton—he told me—here! just now—that Miss Shepstone and you. . . She stopped, catching her breath at the change in Micky's face; it no longer looked tender—his eyes were fierce.

"Ashton! What has he said?" His voice was roughly insistent. She drew back from him against the cushions as if afraid.

"He told me that you—you were in Paris—a week or two ago—with her. . . It's a lie!" The words had escaped Micky before he could check them; his first thought was to defend Esther. "It's an infernal lie!" he said again violently.

KILLING A SCANDAL.

IT turned Micky cold to think of all that the brute must have implied; so he had not hurt her sufficiently yet; he must needs try and drag her name in the mud after having broken her heart and done his best to ruin her life.

The tears were frozen on Marie's cheeks—her hands were clasped hard together in her lap. Twice she tried to speak, but no words would come. When at last she found her voice it was strained and cracked.

"He told me that you—you didn't see you, but there was her. . . Her brown eyes searched his face as if they were trying to read his very soul. "If it's a lie," she said, then shrilly: "If she who is lying—non told Raymond Ashton that she was there with you."

"She told him. . . For a moment Micky stood like a man turned to stone; was this the truth? That Esther had told Ashton. . . He looked again at Marie. "When did Ashton tell you this?" "To-night—not a moment ago—he is here."

Micky passed a shaking hand across his mouth— "Nothing . . . where's Ashton—have you seen Ashton?"

"I've just left him; he isn't dancing either—can't think what's happened to you youngsters to-day—when I was your age. . . He broke off, realising that Micky was not listening. "Ashton's in the smoking-room," he said uneasily. Micky went on; his hands were clenched as he walked, his teeth were set.

The smoking-room door was half ajar; he could see that there were several men there. There was a clink of glasses and the sound of voices talking in a rather subdued way. Micky paused—he knew that if Ashton were there it would mean a scene, and a scene in anyone else's house. The thought snapped at the sound of his own name.

"Mellowes! Well, you do surprise me." There was a little chuckle. "Always thought he was one of the good boys. . . It just shows that you never know a man till you find him out. Rather an error of judgment to choose Paris, eh? Who did you say she was?"

"A girl from Eldred's—pretty little thing. I knew her before he did; as a matter of fact, it was only when I cooled off. . . That was Ashton's voice; Micky could not see him, but he could picture vividly the hateful gesture, the meaning smile with which he finished his incomplete sentence to die down, leaving him very cold and alert—he pushed the door wide and walked into the room.

The group of men by the fireplace scattered; someone coughed deprecatingly; someone else seized upon a syphon and began filling an already full glass recklessly. Nobody spoke. Then Micky went forward—he kicked the door to behind him, shutting it with a slam.

His eyes went straight to Ashton—a pale Ashton, trying to smile unconcernedly and brazen the situation out.

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"I'll give you two minutes in which to apologise," Micky said in a voice of steel. "Two minutes in which to retract the lies you've just been saying in this room—or I'll thrash you within an inch of your life."

In the silence following one could have heard a pin drop. Everyone looked at Ashton. Micky took out his watch. It seemed an eternity before Ashton spoke. "If you've been listening—" he began blustering. He moistened his dry lips.

"What I said is the truth," he broke out spluttering. "You were in Paris with. . . But the name was never spoken—Micky's clenched fist shot out and struck him right in the mouth.

In a moment the room was in an uproar; half a dozen men rushed at Micky and pinned his arms. "Mellowes—for God's sake—if Hooper comes in."

Ashton had staggered back against the wall; his mouth was cut and bleeding; he was swearing horribly. Micky was crimson in the face; the veins stood out like cords on his forehead; he was straining every nerve to free himself from his captors.

"Apologise!" he gasped. "Apologise, you infernal cad!" Ashton laughed savagely. "Apologise! What for? It's the truth, and you know it. Apologise! I'll repeat it. . . I say that you were in Paris three weeks ago with one of the girls from Eldred's. . ."

Micky suddenly stopped struggling, but his breath came in deep gasps as he spoke. He looked round at the eager faces of the other men. "I know most of you—here," he said in a laboured voice. And most of you know me—and you know that I'm not an inveterate liar like Ashton; and I know that you'll all believe me—believe me—when I tell you that the lady who was with me—in Paris—three weeks ago—is my wife. . . we've been married some time—and it is solely by her wish that it has been kept a secret."

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FOR WILDE'S BELT.

Private Clark a Clever Opponent at N.S.O. To-night.

Private Jimmy Wilde, the world's champion flyweight boxer, will meet Private George Clark, of the A.S.C., at the National Sporting Club to-night.

The contest is for the British championship and also the Lonsdale belt, which Wilde now holds.

Clark has done well, in common with other Army Service Corps boxers, but that he is good enough to beat the champion few believe.

Wilde, who is attached to the gymnastic staff at Aldershot, has put on weight since he joined the Army, but he is still easily under the 12-stone mark.

All boxes seem to come alive to Jimmy Wilde, who has beaten two American aspirants to his title recently—Young Koeber and the Zulu Kid.

In addition to the contest for the fly-weight championship, a lot of boxing is fixed for to-day. Sergeant Dick Borge stages three fifteen round bouts at the Ring machine. Rifleman Dai Roberts (1st Surrey Rifle) opposes Corporal Billy Fullerton (15th Hussars). The other bouts are: Billy Wells v. George Langham and Fred Fletcher v. Johnny Marshall.

Johnny Hughes and Bill Beynon, who have twice fought drawn battles, meet over twenty rounds at the Holborn Stadium this afternoon, and Bob Cotton opposes Trooper Joe Skermer in a fifteen round bout.

Joe Brooks and Billy Fry will contest the best of fifteen rounds at the Holborn Baths machine.

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SATURDAY'S FOOTBALL.

LONDON COMBINATION—Queen's Park Rangers (h) 3, Crystal Palace 2; Watford (h) 5, Brentford 2; Chelsea (h) 3, Fulham 1; Luton (h) 3, Millwall 1; Clapton Orient (h) 6, Portsmouth 1; Tottenham Hotspur 4, Southampton (h) 2; Arsenal 3, West Ham (h) 2.

LANCASHIRE SECTION—Burnley (h) 4, Rochdale 3; Bury (h) 2, Southport Central 1; Liverpool (h) 3, Manchester City 0; Oldham Athletic (h) 3, Burslem Port Vale 0; Stockport County (h) 7, Blackburn Rovers 1; Stoke (h) 6, Blackpool 0; Bolton Wanderers 2, Preston North End (h) 1; Everton 2, Manchester United (h) 0.

MIDLAND SECTION—Bradford City (h) 1, Barnley 1; Chesterfield (h) 3, Lincoln City 3; Huddersfield (h) 3, Sheffield Wednesday 0; Leicester Fosse (h) 1, Nottingham Forest 1; Notts County (h) 1, Birmingham 1; Rotherham County (h) 2, Bradford 1; Sheffield United (h) 2, Leeds City 2; Hull City 3, Grimsby (h) 2.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE—Glasgow (h) 6, Hamilton 1; Kilmarnock (h) 5, Motherwell 0; Morton (h) 1, Rangers 0; Queen's Park (h) 3, Clyde 2; St. Mirren (h) 2, Dundee 0; Dumbarton 4, Aberdeen (h) 2; Ayr United 2, Falkirk (h) 1; Airdrieonians 4, Airdrie (h) 1; Hibernian 3, Partick Thistle (h) 0; Third Lanark 1, Raith Rovers (h) 0.

BULL DOG CLUB CUP—Grenadier Guards 4, R.F.C., Bournemouth (h) 1, (after extra time).

LONDON MOUNTAINS LEAGUE—Napier 6, Aircraft (h) 1; C.A.Y. (h) 4, Evershed 0.

CLUB MATCH Artists' Rifles 5, Inns of Court O.T.O. 2 (at Queen's Park).

RUGBY UNION MATCHES—A.S.O., Grove Park (h), 37 pts., R.A., Woodville (h); R.M.A., Weymouth (h) 5, Guy's Hospital 6; United Hospitals 15, Public Schools 0 (at Richmond); Canadian 15, R.F.C. 11 (at Richmond); Welsh Military XV 6, Monmouthshire 6 (at Cardiff); Australian Headquarters 44, Wanderers 3 (at Nurture).

NORTHERN UNION—Broughton Rangers (h) 20pts., Runcorn 2pts.; Hull (h) 38, Huddersfield 13.

Owing to the unit state of the grounds the remaining matches were not played.

THE WORLD OF SPORT.

On Saturday the billiard match at Leicester-square was won by Falkiner (received 2,500 start), at 18,000 to 15,000.

Jim Watts beat Billy Williams on points in a fifteen rounds bout at the Ring on Saturday night.

The celebrated A.S.C. (Grove Park) Rugby team have now scored 1,030 points, to 27 by their opponents.

An old-time golfer, Bob Martin, who won the open championship at St. Andrews in 1876 and 1885, died at Strathkyn on Saturday.

Sergeant Braddock (Royal Marines), the well-known middle-weight boxer, who was awarded the D.C.M. for bravery on the field, has been invalided home.

In fifteen round bouts at Woolwich Theatre on Saturday Private Teal Bull (late R.W.K.) beat Ted Bulck (Irish) in the tenth round, and Gunner Sam Whitehead (R.F.A.) beat Sergeant Connell (Bow) on points.

Sixteen platoons took part in a compass race, promoted by the Inns of Court O.C., at Berkhurst on Saturday.

The 5th Platons (Lance-Corporal Owen in charge) won in 1h, 19m, 30s. A course had to be traversed according to compass bearings supplied to each platoon at different points of the race.

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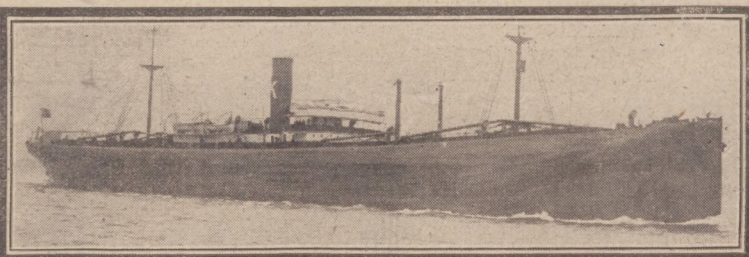
Bandsmen being very scarce nowadays, the County of London motor volunteers now march to the stirring strains of a gramophone which is slung on the shoulders of one of their members.

FRENCHWOMAN'S HEROISM ON THE SOMME.



This devoted woman made many trips into the danger zone after an engagement on the Somme, and brought back wounded men to the hospital in her village. She has been decorated.

FOOD SHIP FOR BELGIANS SUNK BY U BOAT.



The Norwegian steamer Storstad, carrying a cargo of food for the Belgian Relief Committee, which, it is reported, has been sunk by a U boat. Several of the crew are missing. She was the vessel which collided with the ill-fated liner, Empress of Ireland.

CHEERY "CHEERIO"—PRINCIPALS IN THE NEW REVUE AT THE LONDON PAVILION.



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Mr. Lewis Douglas.



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"Cheerio" is aptly named. It is the fourth of the series of revues at this house and is a bright, merry, little production, and the "Jimmy" Godden is equally at home in a variety of parts. Mr. Douglas, who is a clever sand dancer, is also seen as "a jumping Jack."—(Daily Mirror photographs.)